



In case you missed it, [MinnPost just published a big article](#) on the 3rd Ward Minneapolis City Council race. While there are a couple of things I disagree with in the article, the reporter got two things absolutely right:

1. **I'm a fighter.**
2. **This is the fight of my political life.**



[Click the logo for the entire article.](#)

The first point means that I'm in this race to win. I have a track record of service to the 3rd Ward and to our city. I'm proud to run on that record, which includes expanding businesses, creating 2,200 new sustainable housing units and renewing our riverfront through resource partnerships over my last eight years in office. I have specific goals I want us to accomplish in my next term. And I'm willing to work night and day to earn the opportunity to represent the 3rd Ward again.

The second point means that I need your help more than ever. My challenger has shown that he's willing to do anything, say anything, in his effort to beat me. To turn back his attack I need every one of my friends and supporters to stand with me and stand up for keeping an independent, experienced voice on the city council.

I need you.

Please let me know that I can count on your support between now and the November election. You can [donate to my campaign](#) or you can [click here to volunteer](#) to help get out the vote. We're putting everything we have into the last month of this campaign and we like the hand we're playing. **With your support, the likelihood of success is that much greater.**

Thank you in advance for your support!

 **Have you liked Diane on Facebook yet?** See the latest from the campaign, what she's doing for the 3rd Ward and more. www.facebook.com/reelecthofstede

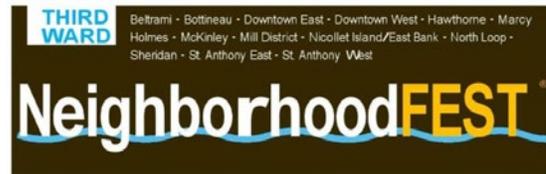
Upcoming Third Ward events:

- **Sept. 28:** It's Diane Hofstede Day at the [Northeast Farmers Market](#)! Join Diane and the world's greatest Minnesota Vikings fan, Larry Spooner, to experience tailgating the Minnesota way 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Market hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the parking lot of St. Boniface Church on University Avenue NE and 7th Avenue NE.

- **Oct. 4:** [Minneapolis City Council](#) meeting 9:30 a.m. in Room 317, City Hall, 350 S. 5th St., Minneapolis.
- **Oct. 8:** [Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association meeting and Third Ward candidate forum](#) 6 p.m. at Open Book, 1011 Washington Avenue S., Minneapolis.

NeighborhoodFEST returns Oct. 9!

[NeighborhoodFEST](#) is back for its 11th time to our Ward! The FREE event includes FREE food and FREE samples of our great restaurants. On hand will be city departments, the bomb squad and information about new projects and developments in the Ward, including the Pillsbury A-Mill, a \$130 million affordable artist housing project with many artist amenities, located on the third greatest riverfront in the world!



Meet and take pictures with Viktor, the Vikings mascot, and Viking cheerleaders, meet the folks and talk to them about the new stadium, and enjoy the local music, entertainment and celebrate our ward and our diverse community!

NeighborhoodFEST runs 5:30-9 p.m. at Nicollet Island Pavilion, Minneapolis.

This week in the ward:

Diane's Third Ward whereabouts this week included the grand opening of [Whole Foods downtown](#), the [Green Homes North](#) Expo and the groundbreaking of [LifeSource](#), a nonprofit that works to save lives through organ and tissue donation. [Check out photos from these events.](#)

How you can help

Whether you have a couple hours or a couple minutes, here's how to show your support for Diane.

- [Request a sign](#) for your lawn or window.
- [Volunteer](#) to knock on doors.
- [Share her updates](#) on Facebook.
- [Tell your friends](#) about Diane's record of success.
- [Schedule an event](#) with Diane.
- Wear your blue and orange Hofstede T-shirt. Need one? Contact us at (612) 331-3636 or [email us](#) with your size.

Want to talk city business?

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